In the High Court of Judicature at Madras

Dated: 19.02.2007

Coram:

The Honourable Mr.Justice P.SATHASIVAM
and
The Honourable Mr.Justice N. PAUL VASANTHAKUMAR

Writ Petition No.5477 of 2007
and MP.No.1 of 2007

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Suresh Kumar D. Jain
No.30, Maddox Street
2nd Floor, Choolai
Chennai 600 112. ..Petitioner

..vs..

1.The District Collector
Chennai District
Singaravelar Maligai
Rajaji Salai, Chennai 600 001.

2.The Commissioner
Corporation of Chennai
Rippon Building
Chennai 600 003.

3.The Commissioner of Police
Greater Chennai
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.

4.The Joint Commissioner
of Police (Traffic)
Vepery, Chennai 600 007. ..Respondents

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Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus as stated therein.

For Petitioner : Mr. R. Murugesan
For Respondents : Mr. T. Mathi for R.2
Mr. P. Subramanian
Government Advocate for R.1,3&4

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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by P.SATHASIVAM,J.)

The petitioner has approached this Court to issue a writ of mandamus to respondents 1 and 2, forbearing them from removing or disturbing their four hoardings and supporting structure, described in the schedule to the writ petition without following due process of law, namely, as provided under Section 326-C of the Chennai City Municipal Corporation Act, 1919 (as amended) for the grant of Licence for Hoardings upon the petitioner's application Nos.A 1249, A 1250, A 1251 and A 1252 dated 27.04.2001.

2. On direction, Mr. P. Subramanian, learned Government Advocate takes notice for respondents 1, 3 and 4 and Mr. T. Mathi, takes notice for the second respondent.

3. Though in para 9 of the affidavit it is stated that the petitioner had applied for licence before the second respondent even in April, 2001, it is stated that as on date the first respondent, District Collector, Chennai is the competent authority to consider the claim of the petitioner. In such circumstances, the petitioner is free to make fresh application/representation before the first respondent within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order. If any such application is made, the first respondent is directed to consider and dispose of the same in accordance with law within a period of four weeks thereafter.

With the above observation, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected MP., is closed.

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+ 2 CCs to Mr. R. Murugesan Adovocate SR 9894

+ One cc to Govt pleader SR.No 9740
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